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DEPT PASS AEC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG EG US

SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY REACTOR FOR EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 8988 AND 6974

1. I HAVE BEEN TOLD IN PAST FEW DAYS THAT MOHAMED MAHER ABAZA, SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF ELECTRIC POWER SULTAN, TOLD EMBOFF THAT AEC REPORTEDLY HAS NO COPY OF SULTAN'S LETTER OF AUGUST 27. SINCE IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM ABAZA THAT THIS LETTER HAD BEEN GIVEN BY DR. EL-GUEBEILY TO AEC COUNTERPARTS DURING TALKS IN WASHINGTON LAST AUGUST (PARA 3, CAIRO 6974), I TELEPHONED ABAZA TODAY TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION.

2. ABAZA SAID GHORBAL HAD WRITTEN THAT BOTH AEC AND DEPT DO NOT HOLD COPY OF SULTAN'S AUGUST 27 LETTER. NOR DOES EGYPTIAN EMBASSY. GHORBAL HAD THEREFORE ASKED FOR COPIES. THREE COPIES ARE NOW BEING FORWARDED THROUGH EGYPTIAN FONMIN.

3. I REMINDED ABAZA THAT HE HAD ON SEPTEMBER 9 GIVEN ME A COPY OF SULTAN'S LETTER, BUT HAD SPECIFICALLY TOLD ME THE ORIGINAL HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY GUEBEILY TO HIS AEC COUNTERPARRTS. WHILE I HAD REPORTED THIS, I HAD NOT SENT MY COPY BELIEVING THE ORIGINAL WAS ALREADY THERE. ABAZA SAID THIS WAS HIS MISTAKE. APPARENTLY GUEBEILY FAILED TO GIVE ORIGINAL TO AEC COUNTERPARTS.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPT AND/OR AEC WISHES US TO SEND COPY

OF SULTAN'S AUGUST 27 NOTE. AS REPORTED CAIRO 8988, SULTAN AND ABAZA ARE STILL AWAITING REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN THAT NOTE.

5. WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT IF AEC IS AT ANY TIME MISSING ANY EGYPTIAN DOCUMENTS KNOWN TO EXIST, IT COMMUNICATE WITH EMBASSY TO OBTAIN THESE DOCUMENTS. EGYPTIANS ARE BECOMING DISTURBED ABOUT RECENT PRESS REPORTS THAT ATOMIC NUCLEAR REACTOR PROJECT IS LIKELY TO ABORT. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THAT WE CANNOT FORCE THE PACE, I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE AT LEAST TRY TO ANSWER EGYPTIAN QUERIES IN AS PROMPT A FASHION AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ASSURE THEM OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE MATTER.  
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